

Amendment No. 5 to HB3098

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2302\***

**House Bill No. 3098**

by deleting SECTION 1 of the bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

49-5-1\_\_.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department shall issue a license to teach in grades nine through twelve (9-12) to any person who has taught at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in § 49-4-902 and who meets the qualifications listed in this section. The license shall bear an endorsement to teach only in the subject area in which the person taught at the eligible postsecondary institution.

(b) Any applicant seeking teacher licensure pursuant to this act shall:

(1)

(A) Have been a full-time college professor or instructor for at least two (2) of the last five (5) years at an eligible postsecondary institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting association, as defined by § 49-4-902; or

(B) Have been a part-time college professor or instructor, teaching at least one (1) course per semester, for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years at an eligible postsecondary institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting association, as defined by § 49-4-902;

(2) Submit for review by the department or a partnering institution of higher education at least three (3) years of documented teaching evaluations that rate the applicant for licensure as proficient or better in the subject area in which the applicant is seeking licensure. The teaching evaluations required by this subdivision shall have been administered by the institution at which the applicant

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taught. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to define proficiency in evaluations;

(3) Attend in-service training sessions, both before and during licensure, as required by the state board of education in consultation with institutions of higher education;

(4) Participate in a mentoring program to be established by the state board of education throughout the first school year during which the applicant is licensed; and

(5) Successfully complete all exams required for licensure for the subject area in which the applicant is seeking licensure.